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Efforts to secure the release from the Sonoma State Home of a 17-year-old Visalia youth, committed as a sex delinquent, were started in the superior court here Saturday.

A habeas corpus writ, returnable in the court August 9, was issued by Judge Donald Geary on the petition of Bert Burgin, father of the boy, Duane.

In the petition, Burgin claims that his son is "normal, rational and sane," and asks a trial by jury to determine whether the boy is feeble-minded.

In the complaint that resulted in the youth's commitment, "numerous" sex delinquencies are charged. The petition seeking release of the boy declares that he was adjudged feeble-minded as a result of the alleged use of "vile language" in the presence of a minor girl.

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